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THE MERRITT CAMPUS STUDY

Report Number I

Introduction

In September, 1954, the Merritt Campus of Oakland City College (then Junior College) enrolled its first class in the combined liberal arts and business programs. From that date to, but not including the fall semester of 1960, 13,838 students new to the college have registered in the twelve regular semester registration periods.

What has happened to these students? We know how many received AA degrees; we have some reports indicating how many have gone on to four-year colleges and universities; we know how many were disqualified. But, of the great majority, we know very little.

In an attempt to learn more about the progress of students through Oakland City College, it was decided to make an intensive and continuing study of one class. The group which entered in the fall of 1960 was selected for this study. The group, composed of students without any previous college, numbered 1,476: 849 men and 627 women.

The project was designated the Merritt Campus Study, soon abbreviated to the MCS. A filing system and procedures were set up which would make it possible to follow this group until the last of the 1,476 had left the Merritt Campus.

This means that the progress of this study will be reported to the faculty in a number of reports, of which this is the first. It is hoped that the information that comes to light will help us find answers to basic questions about such vital issues as curriculum, instruction, counseling, planning for a new campus and student activities, and, at the same time, will assist us in interpreting the college to the community and in making it of greater value to those it serves.

This Report, Number I, deals primarily with the characteristics of the students with whom we are concerned. It contains three parts, and the content of each is explained in an introductory note to each part.

PART I

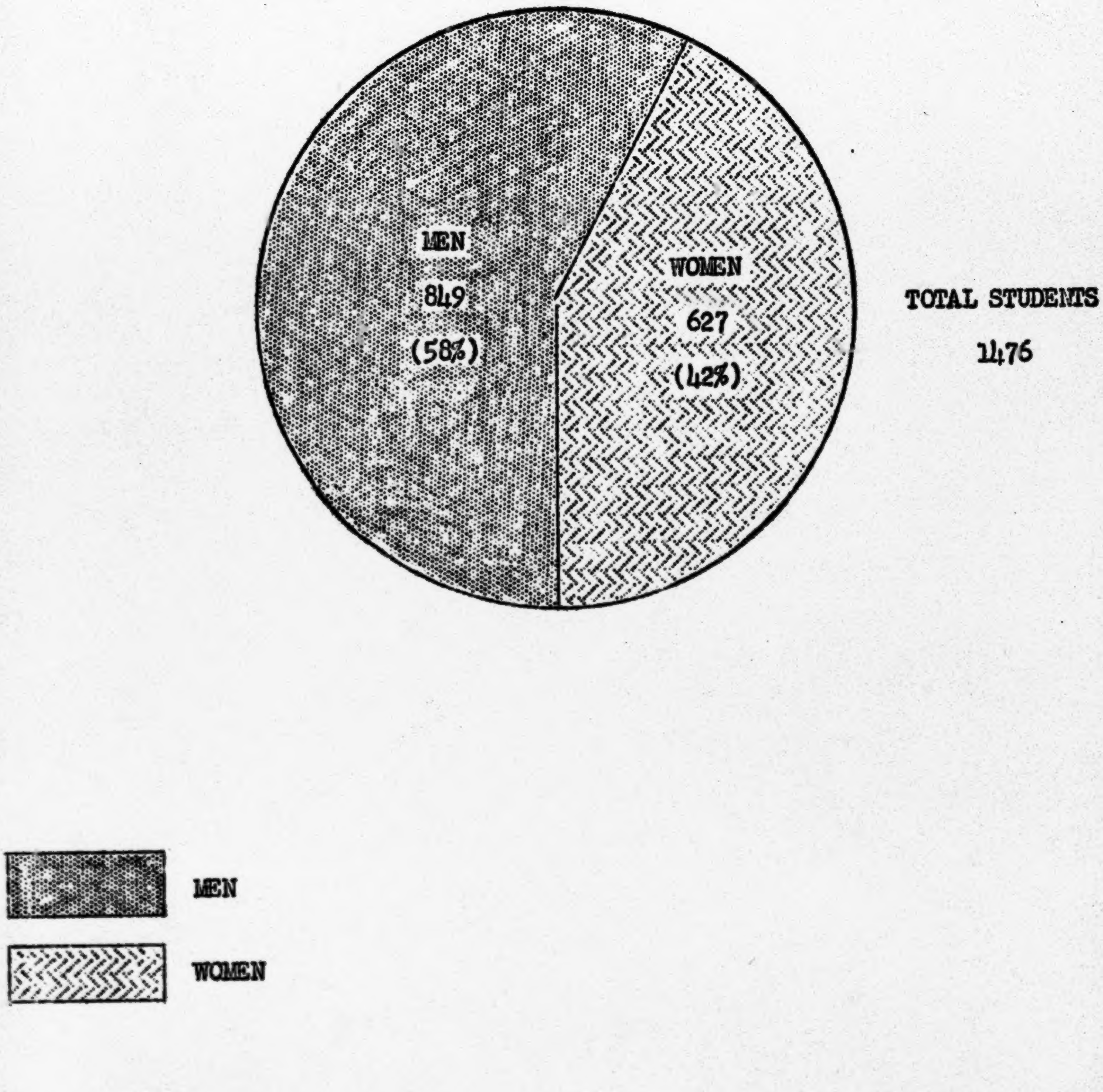
DATA BASED ON RECORDS

Part I of this report presents information taken from the records of the 1476 students with whom this study is concerned. It deals primarily with the characteristics of these students and portrays in graphic form data in the following areas:

Age
High School of graduation
Classification test scores
Educational objectives
Unit load
Withdrawals
Probationary status

STUDENTS NEW TO COLLEGE
FALL, 1960 SEMESTER

HOW MANY SUCH STUDENTS WERE THERE?



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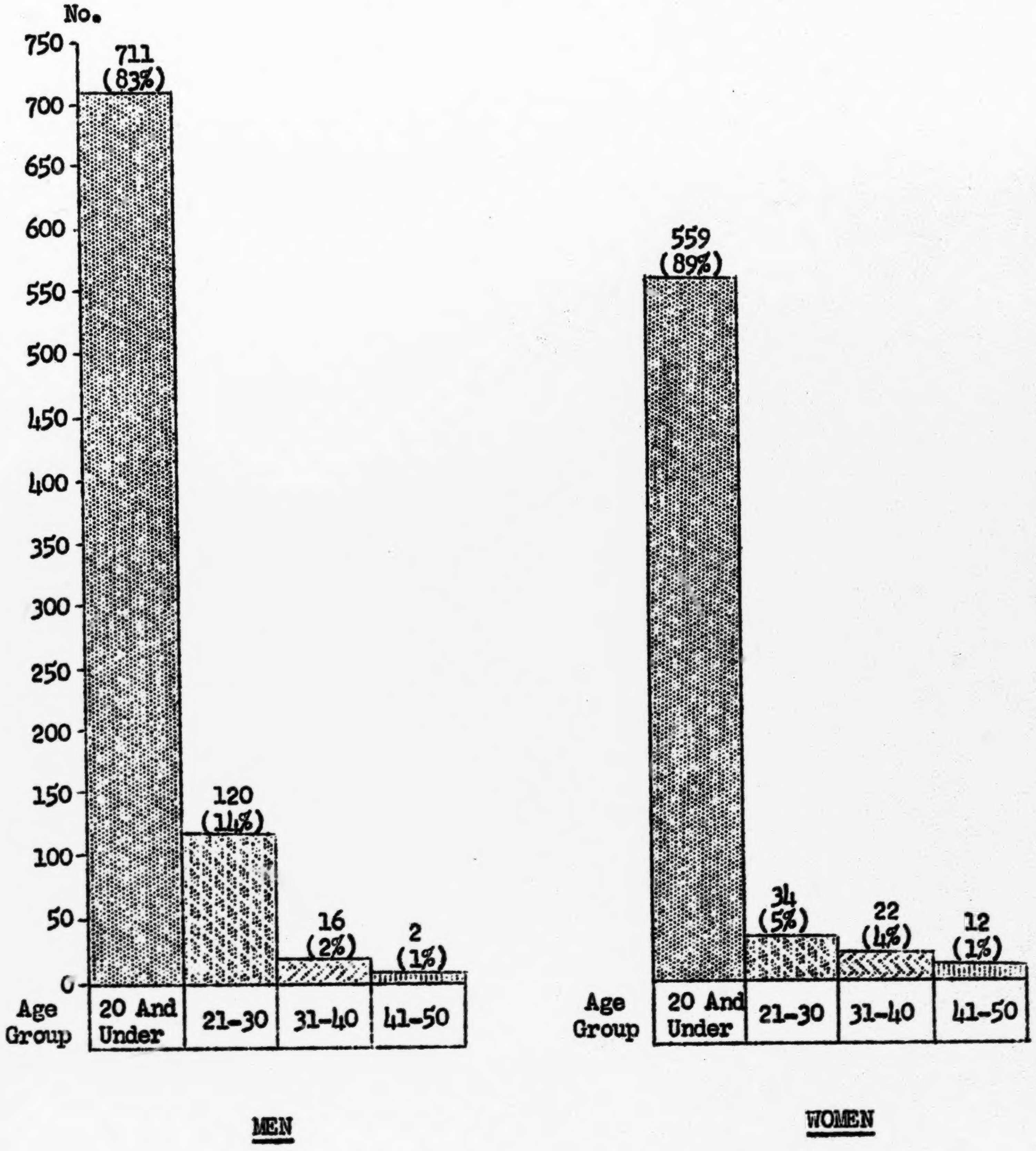

RANGE OF AGES: 15 TO 63

AVERAGE AGE:
MEN - 18.8
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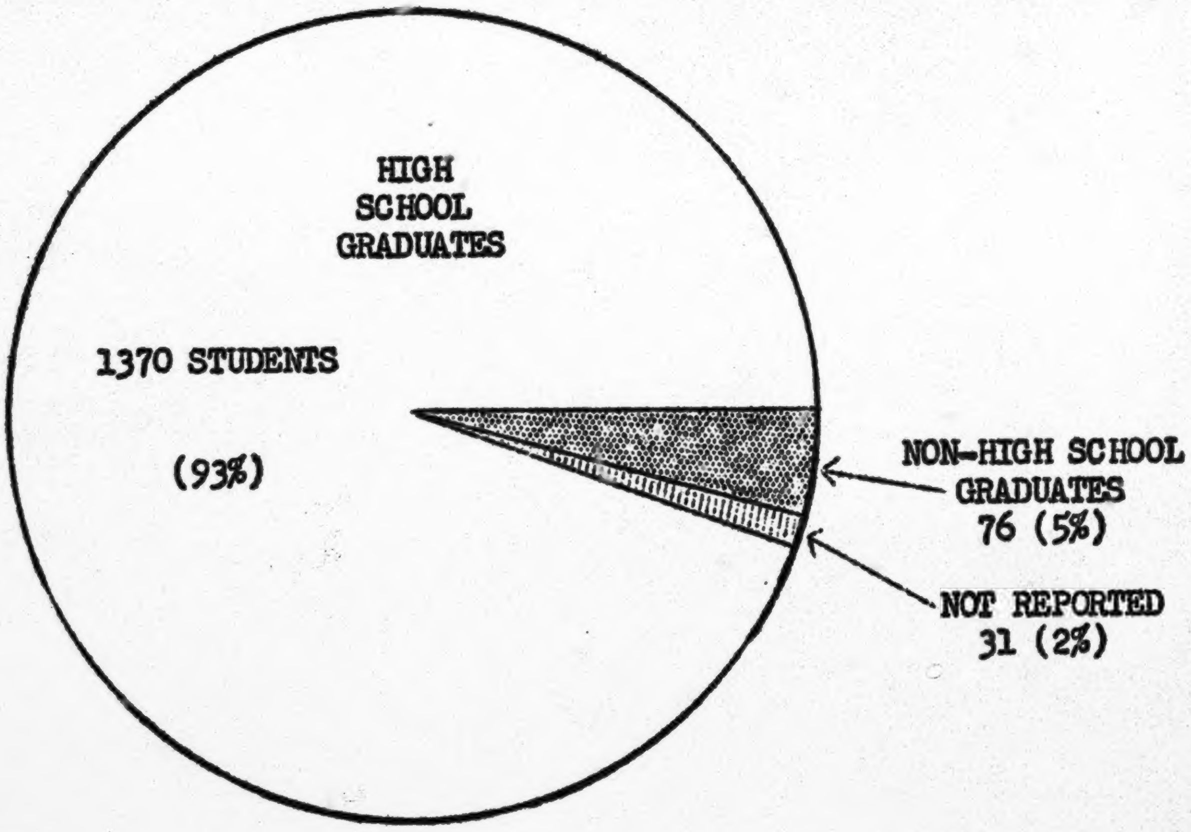
TOTAL - 18.8

WERE THEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES?



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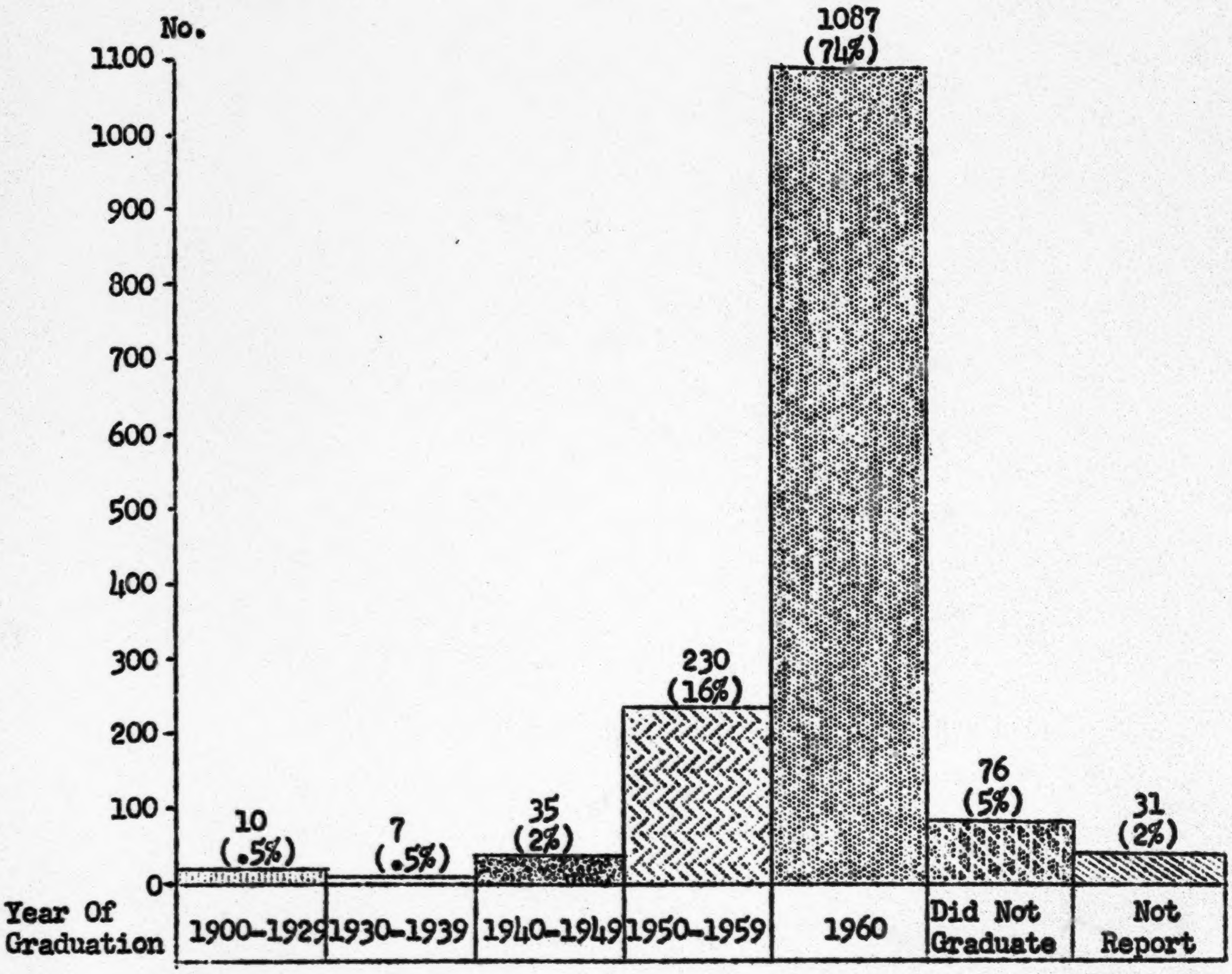
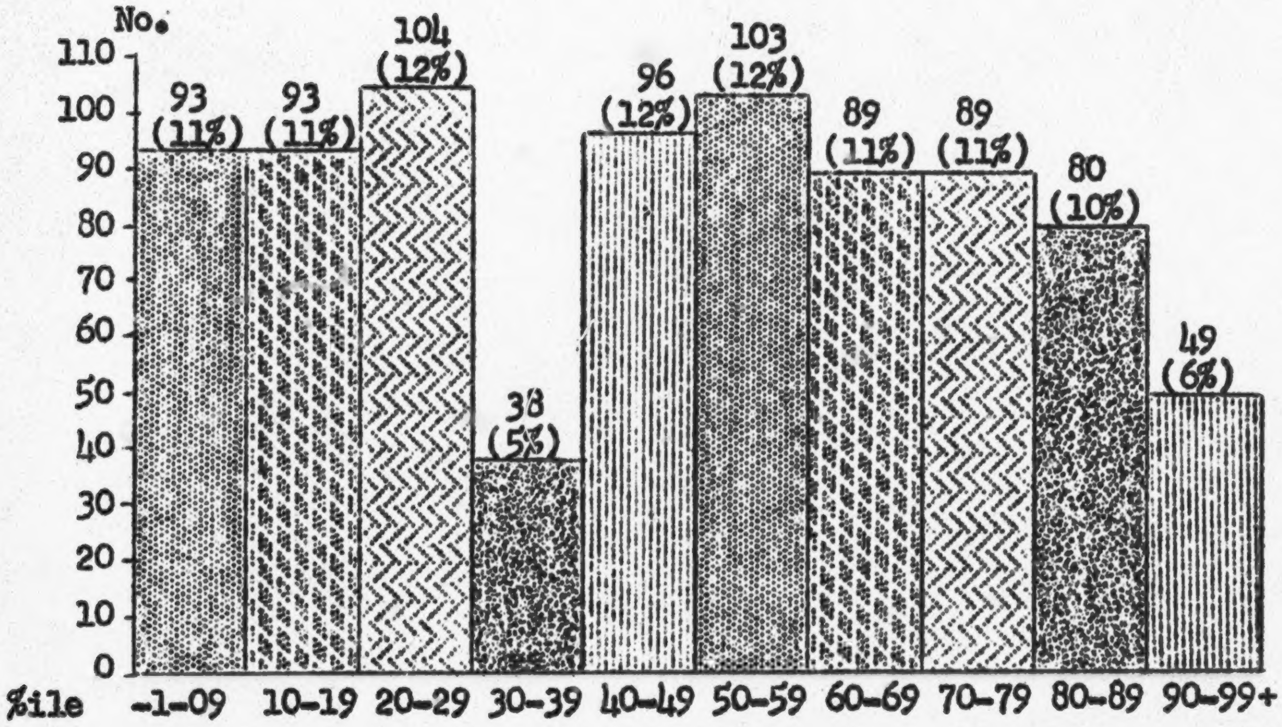


WHAT HIGH SCHOOLS DID THEY ATTEND?

HIGH SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	% OF STUDENTS
OAKLAND	749	51%
CASTLEMONT 124		
FREMONT 147		
McCLYMONDS 58		
OAKLAND HIGH 218		
OAKLAND TECH 202		
OTHER ALAMEDA COUNTY	441	30%
ALAMEDA 42		
ALBANY 11		
ARROYO 22		
BERKELEY 100		
BISHOP O'DOWD 33		
CASTRO VALLEY 22		
EMERYVILLE 2		
ENCINAL 21		
HAYWARD 30		
HOLY NAMES 6		
McKINLEY 5		
NOTRE DAME 2		
PIEDMONT 14		
SAN LEANDRO 51		
SAN LORENZO 25		
ST. ELIZABETHS 21		
ST. JOSEPH'S 10		
ST. MARY'S 14		
TENNYSON 10		
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	15	1%
OTHER PARTS OF CALIFORNIA	72	5%
OTHER STATES/OTHER COUNTRIES	180	12%
NOT REPORTED	19	1%
TOTAL	1476	100%

WHAT WAS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THEIR SCAT SCORES?



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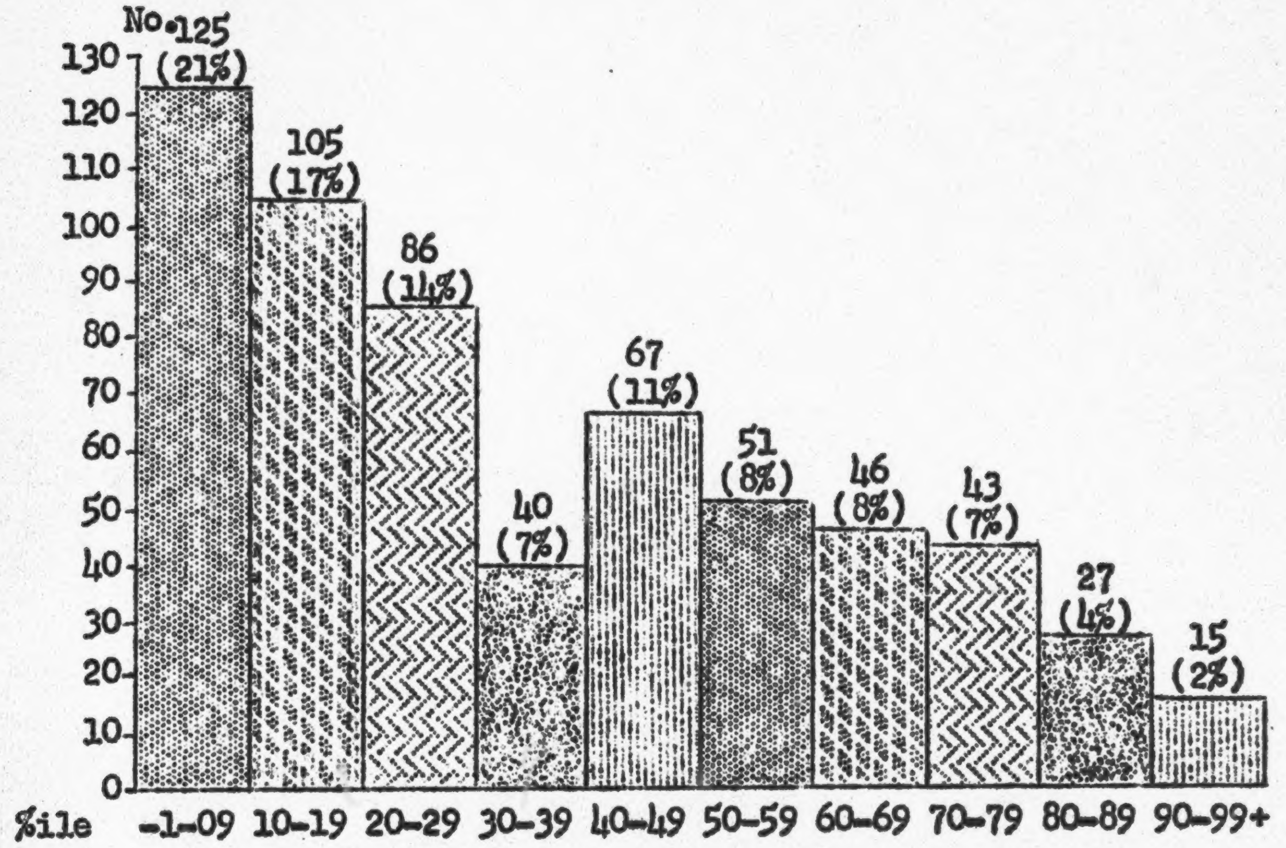

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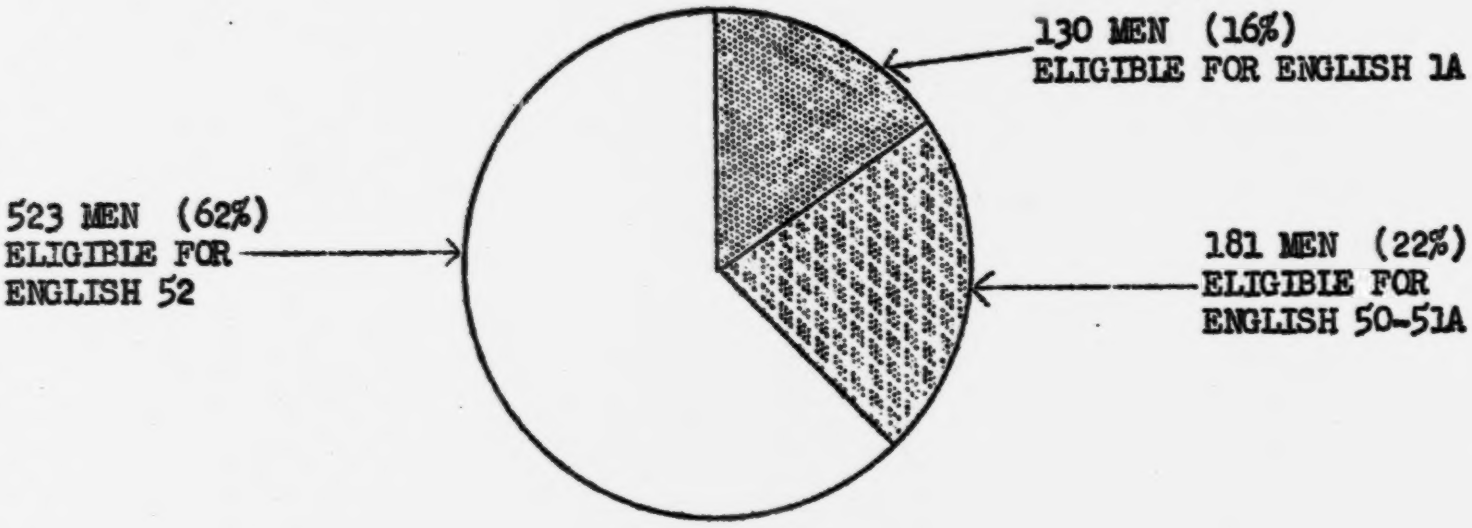

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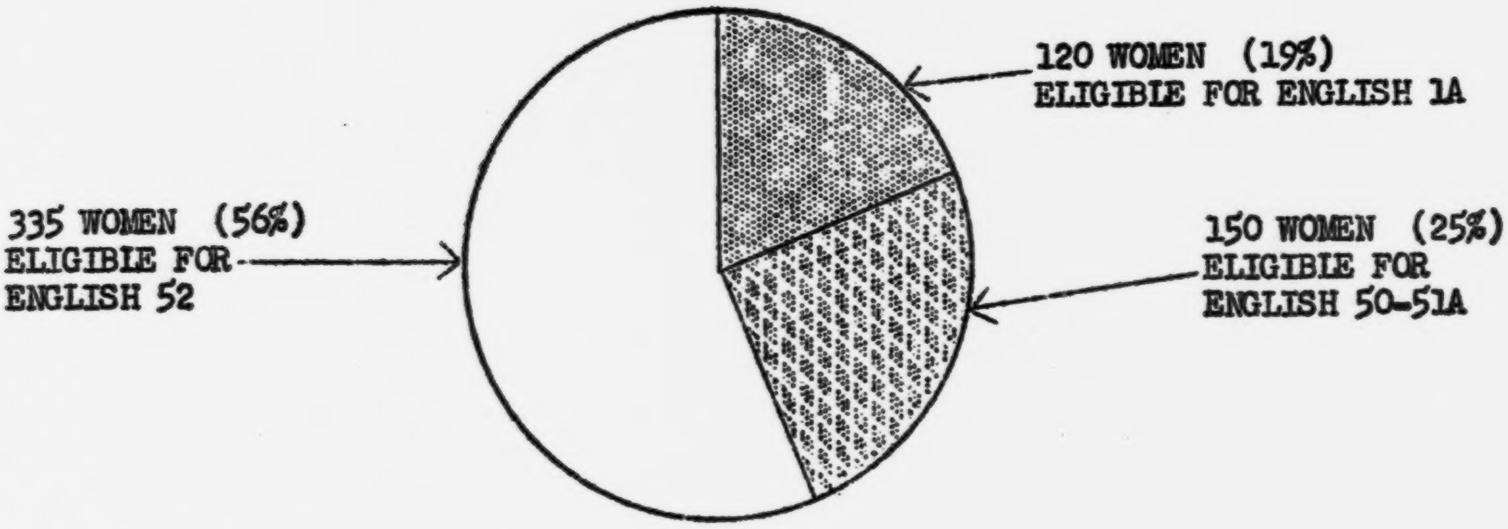

605 WOMEN*

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HOW MANY WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE MATHEMATICS 50?

	#	%
MEN	337	40
WOMEN	400	66

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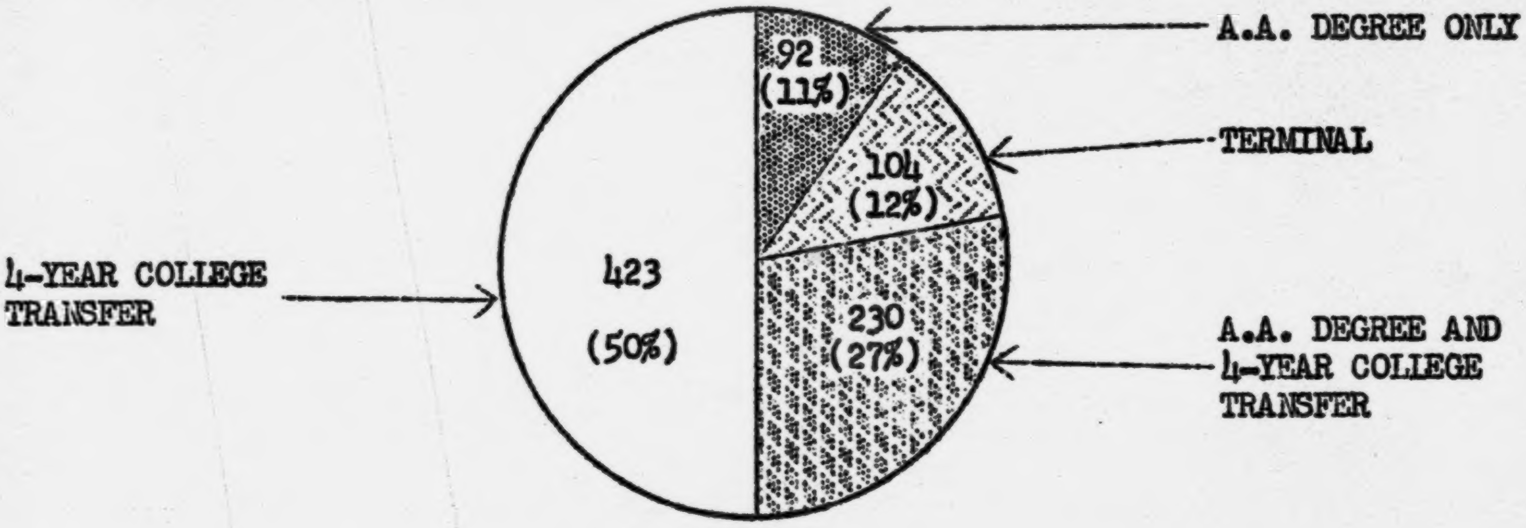
WHAT WERE THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS?



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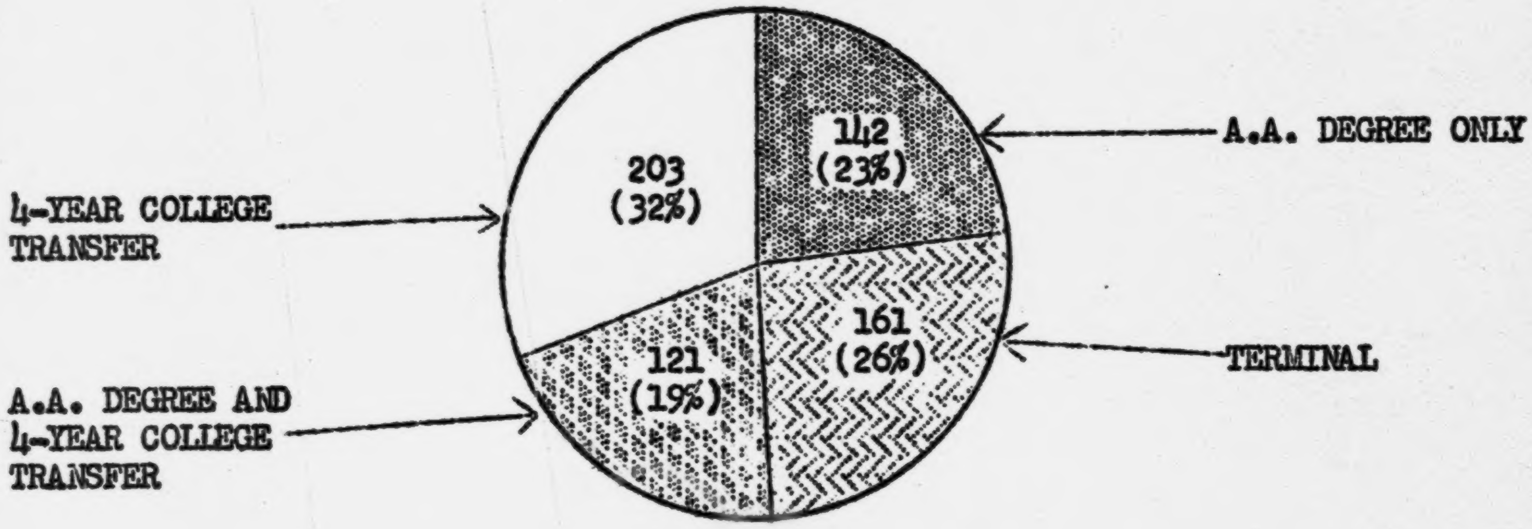

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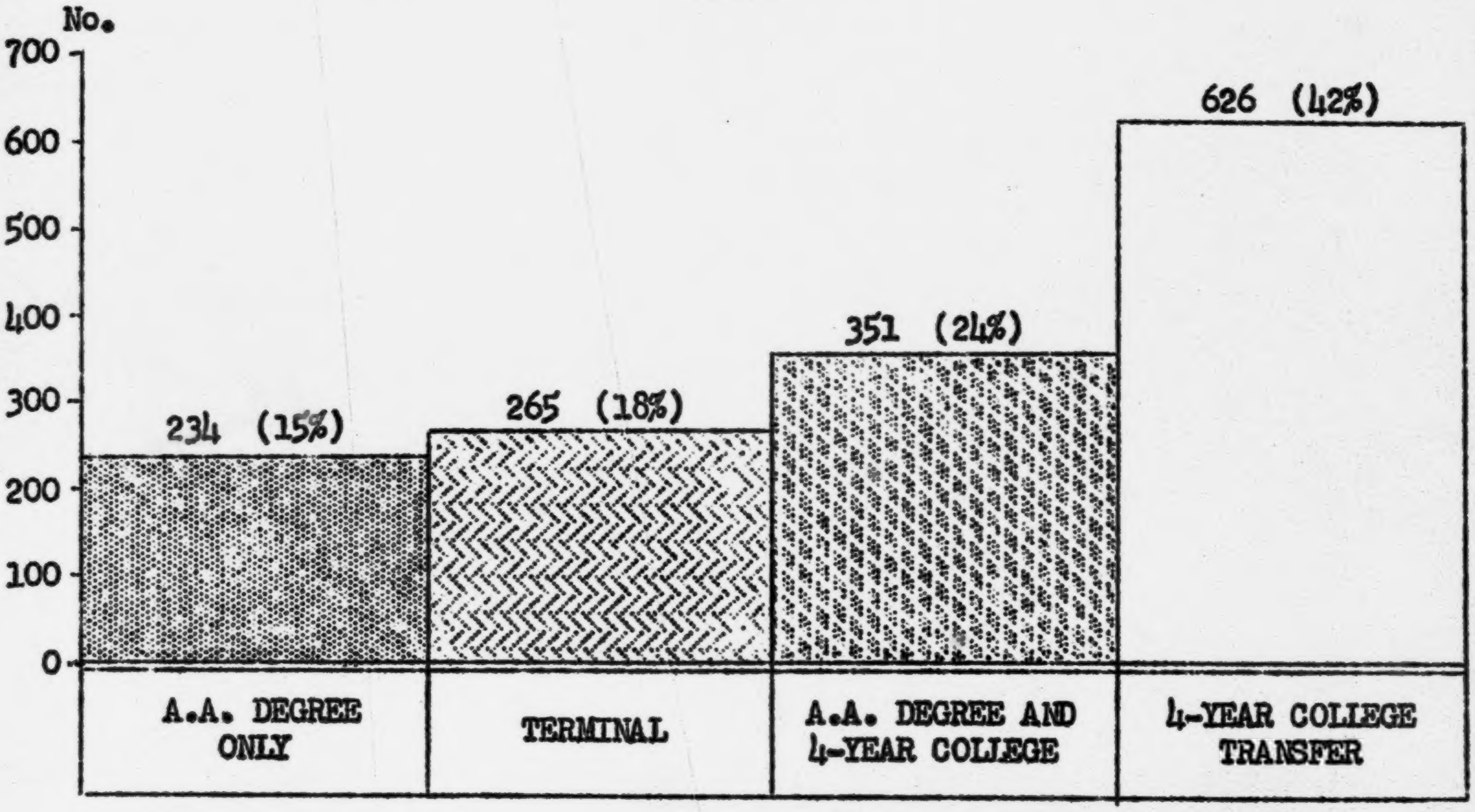
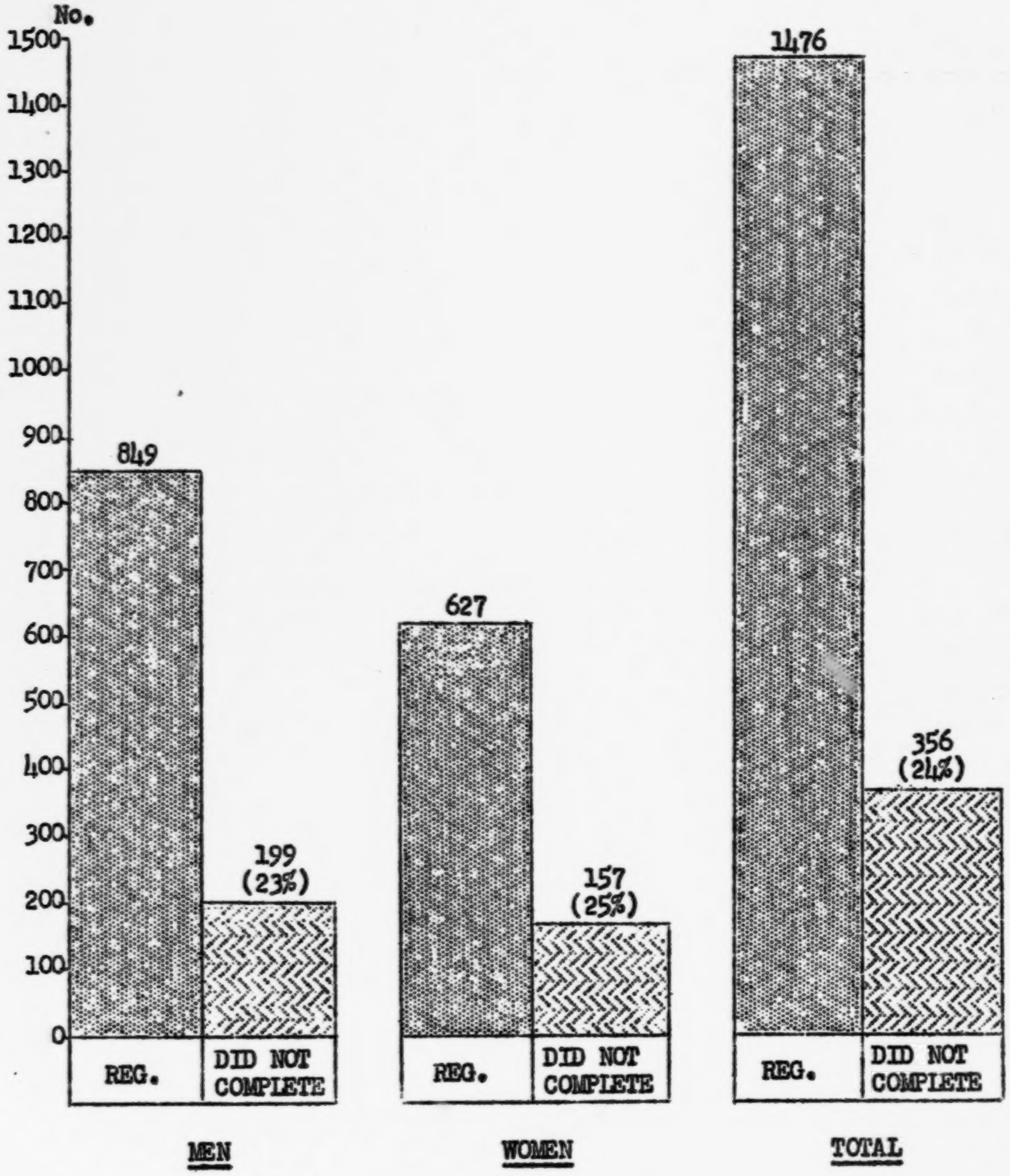


ALL STUDENTS PROGRAMS

WHAT WERE THEIR MAJORS?

MAJOR FIELD	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL	%
AGRICULTURE	3	1	4	0.3
BUSINESS	158	232	390	26.4
ACCOUNTING	24	9	33	2.2
ADMINISTRATION	94	23	117	7.9
GENERAL	38	156	194	13.2
SECRETARIAL	2	44	46	3.1
ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY	135	1	136	9.2
PRE-PROFESSIONAL	128	1	129	8.7
ENGINEERING AIDES	7	-	7	0.5
HEALTH, P.E., RECREATION, SAFETY	36	11	47	3.2
HEALTH	-	1	1	0.1
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	26	9	35	2.4
RECREATION	10	1	11	0.7
LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS	139	106	245	16.6
ART	12	13	25	1.7
ENGLISH, JOURNALISM	14	11	25	1.7
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	1	10	11	0.8
GENERAL CURRICULUM	72	51	123	8.3
HOME ECONOMICS	-	8	8	0.5
MUSIC	16	7	23	1.6
PRE-ARCHITECTURE	20	1	21	1.4
SPEECH, DRAMA, RADIO, TV	4	5	9	0.6
NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS	131	74	205	13.9
LIFE SCIENCE	48	17	65	4.4
MATHEMATICS	20	6	26	1.8
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	15	2	17	1.1
PRE-DENTISTRY	10	2	12	0.8
PRE-MEDICAL	20	4	24	1.6
PRE-NURSING	2	38	40	2.7
PRE-OPTOMETRY	4	-	4	0.3
PRE-PHARMACY	12	5	17	1.2
SOCIAL SCIENCE	137	143	280	19.0
ECONOMICS	4	1	5	0.3
HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE	14	1	15	1.0
PRE-LAW	21	1	22	1.5
PRE-TEACHING	27	92	119	8.1
PSYCHOLOGY	4	10	14	1.0
SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL WELFARE	67	38	105	7.1
OTHERS, NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED	21	15	36	2.4
UNDECIDED	89	44	133	9.0
TOTAL	849	627	1476	100.0

HOW MANY DID NOT COMPLETE THEIR FIRST SEMESTER?



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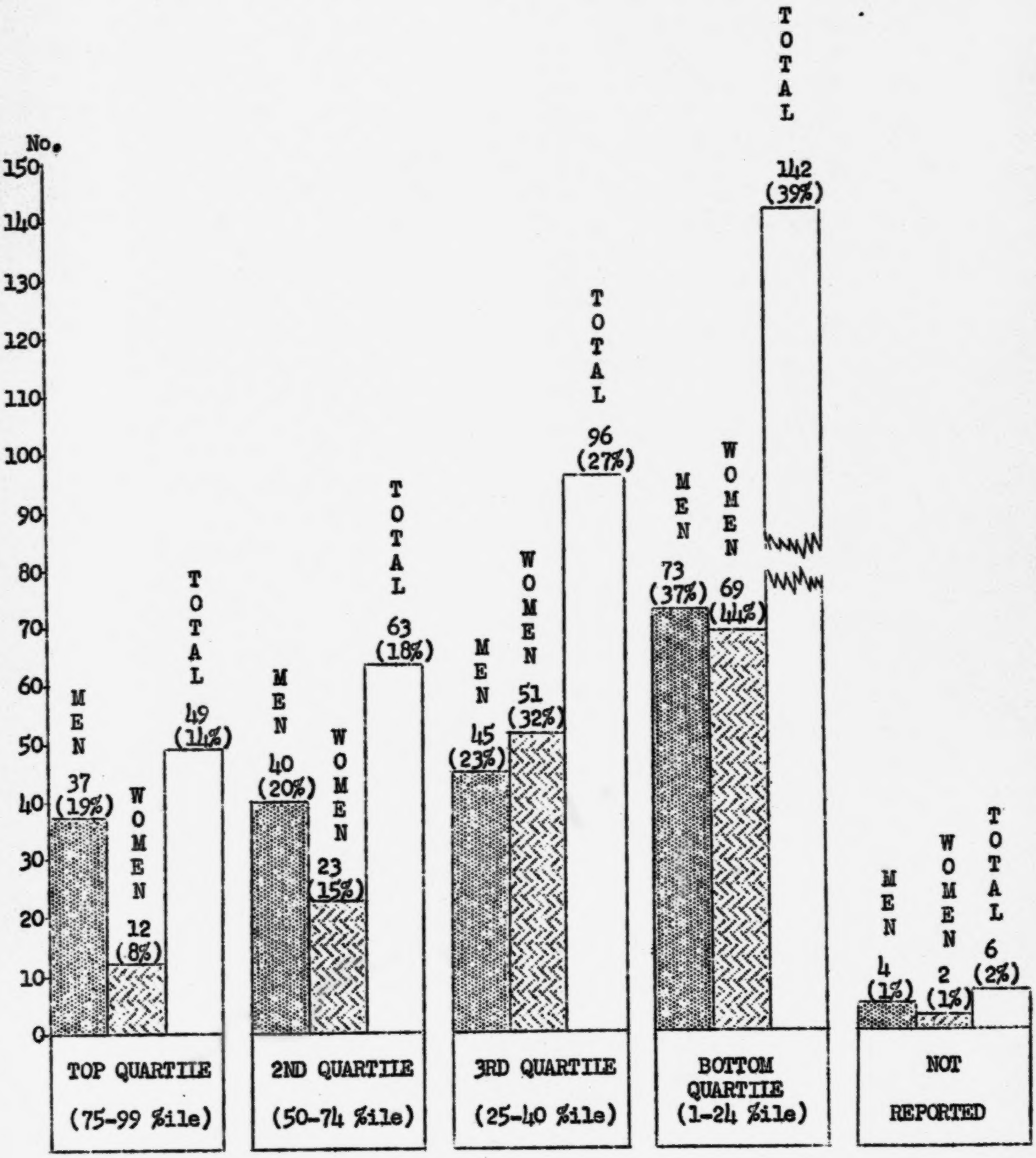
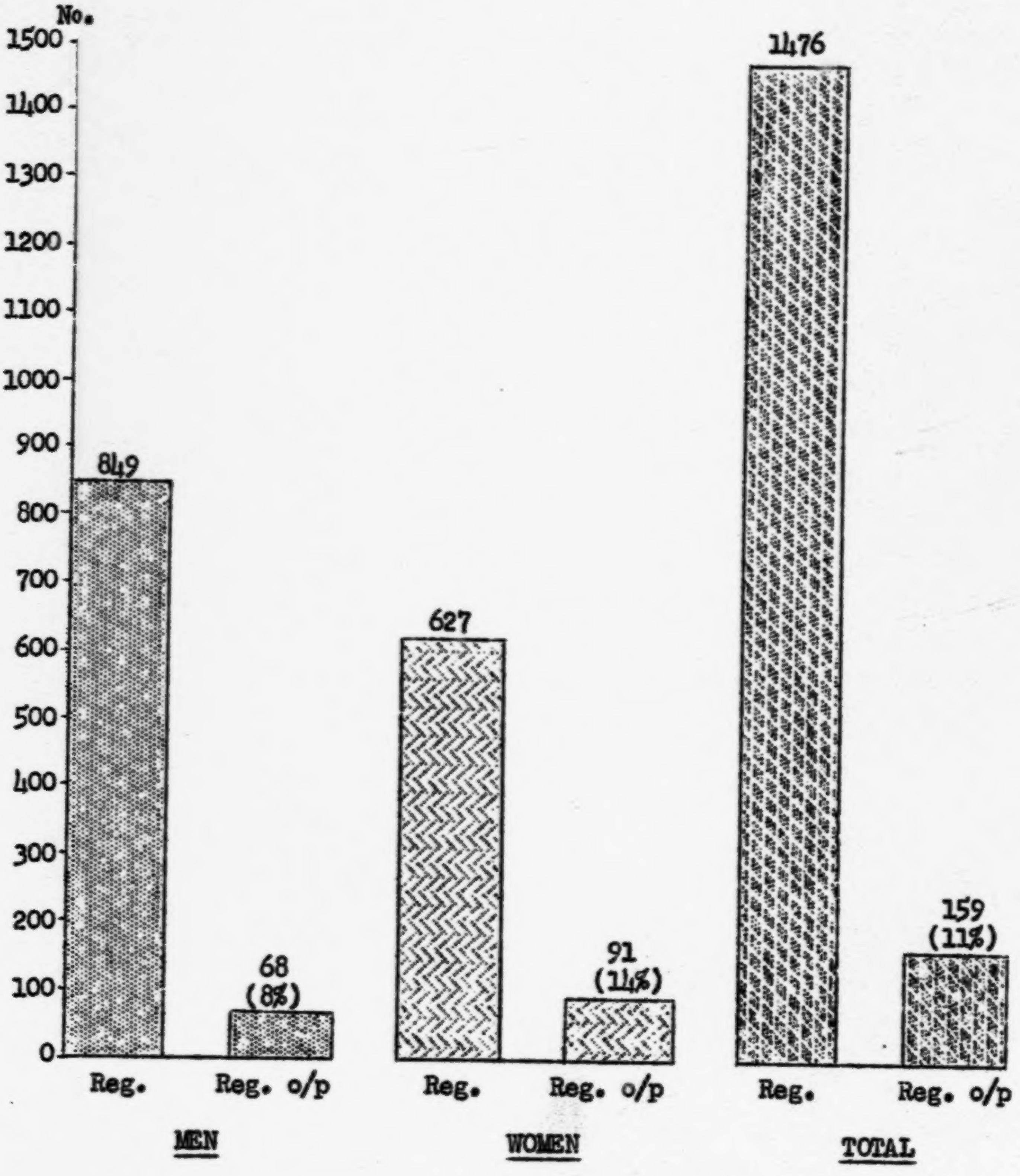


WHAT WERE THEIR REASONS FOR NOT COMPLETING THE SEMESTER?

REASONS	NO. OF STUDENTS	%
WORK	96	27.0
CANCELLED REGISTRATION	45	13.0
DROPPED/EXCESSIVE ABSENCE	33	9.0
ILLNESS	29	8.0
SERVICE ENLISTMENT	27	8.0
FINANCIAL	23	6.0
"NO SHOW"	22	6.0
HOME RESPONSIBILITIES	18	5.0
MOVED OUT OF CITY	15	4.0
CHANGE IN PLANS	11	3.0
MARRIED	5	1.0
UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS	5	1.0
MISCELLANEOUS REASONS	27	8.0
TOTAL	356	99.0

HOW MANY ENTERED "ON PROBATION"*



* SCORED BELOW THE 10%ILE ON SCAT.

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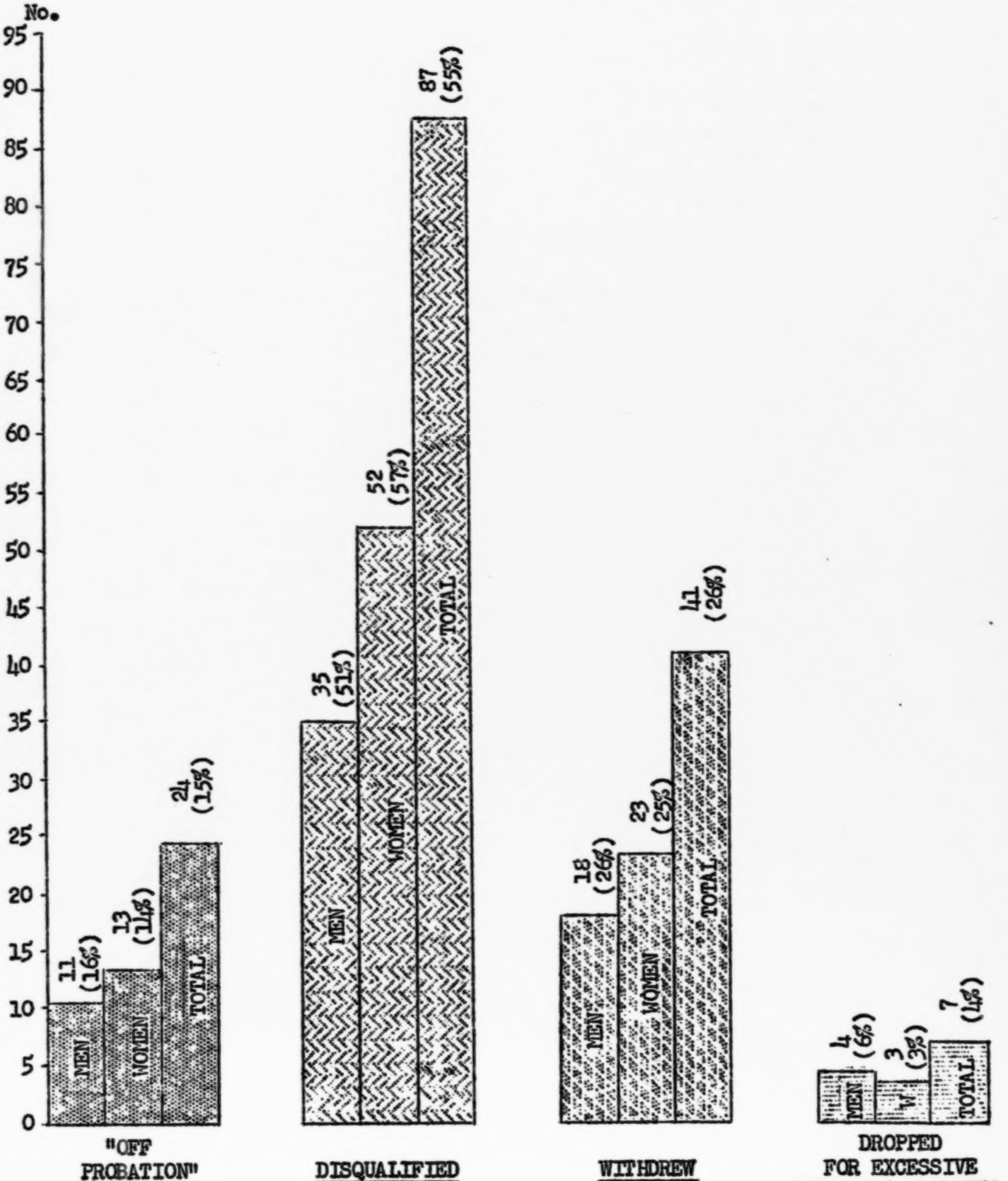


PART II

DATA BASED ON QUESTIONNAIRE

It was deemed advisable to gather some information about the students with whom this study is concerned which was not available from registration data. Accordingly, a questionnaire was administered in the Psychology 50 classes following the close of the first midterm period. 557 men and 382 women completed this questionnaire. This number is 66% of the number of men reported on in Part I, 61% of the number of women, and 64% of the total number which it is believed is an adequate sampling.

The questionnaire was designed to gather information in two main areas:

1. Socio-economic background of the students.
2. Extent, if any, to which students dropped classes since they registered? Reasons for these drops.

Data as to father's or guardian's occupation was tabulated from the replies to the question: "If you are under 21 years of age, what is the occupation of your father or guardian?" The replies were classified into any one of the following categories:

1. Upper white collar (professionals, managers, proprietors and officials)
2. Lower white collar (sales, clerical and kindred workers)
3. Upper blue collar (craftsmen, foremen, and operatives)
4. Lower blue collar (service workers and laborers)

These were the categories used by Burton Clark in his study of San Jose City College and reported in his book "The Open Door College" (page 53). There is, of course, a large element of subjective evaluation in both the reporting and tabulation of this information which must be taken into consideration in using this data.

The results of the questionnaire are reported in Part II on the following pages. It should be pointed out that, since all students were not asked to complete all parts of it, there is a variation in the totals reported in the various tables and graphs.

WHAT WAS THE OCCUPATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN?*

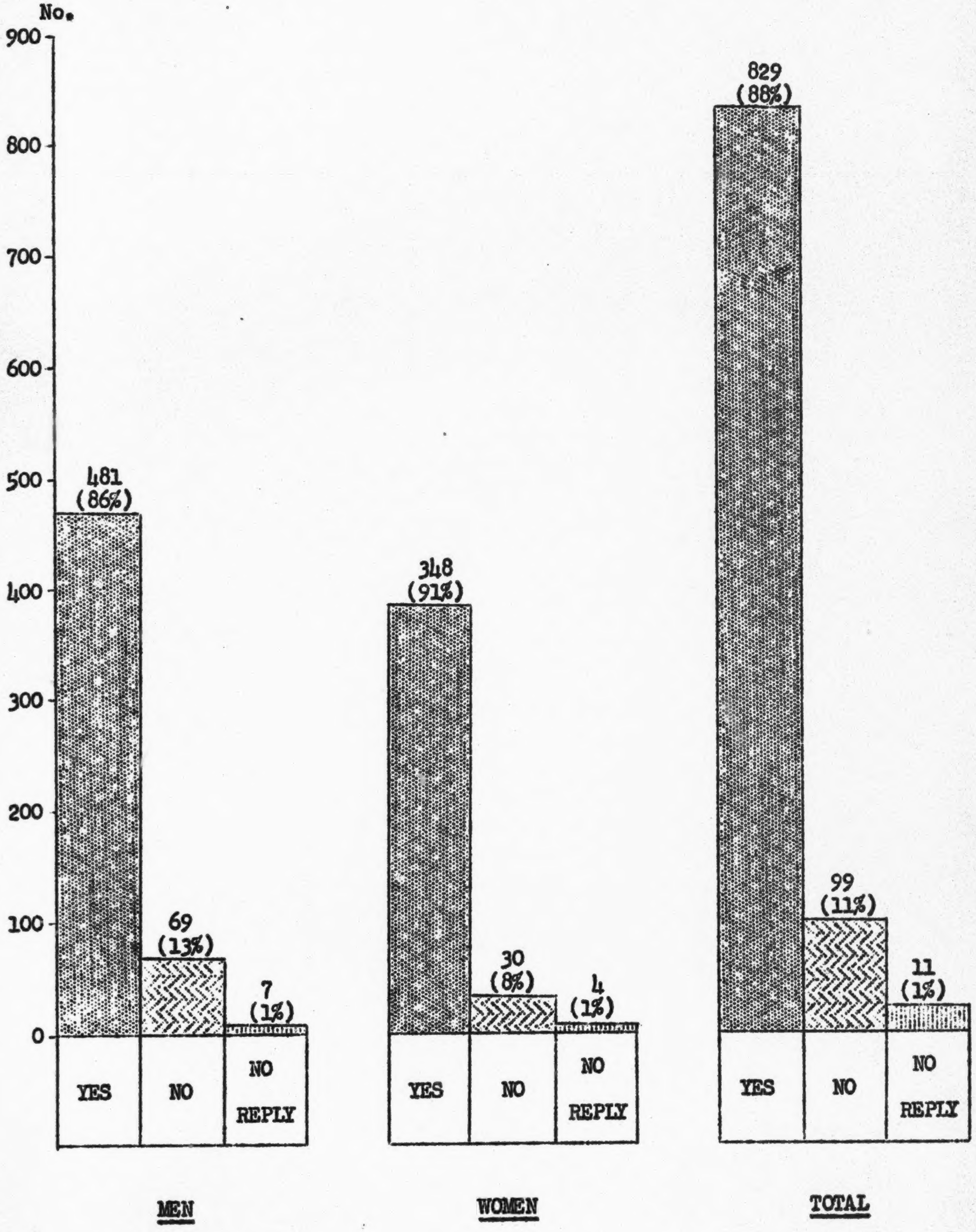
OCCUPATION	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
UPPER WHITE COLLAR	117	28	91	22	208	25
LOWER WHITE COLLAR	73	18	51	12	124	15
UPPER BLUE COLLAR	132	31	158	39	290	35
LOWER BLUE COLLAR	55	13	71	17	126	15
NOT CLASSIFIABLE	43	10	42	10	85	10
TOTALS	420	100	423	100	843	100

* FOR STUDENTS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE

TOTAL REPLIES MEN - 491

TOTAL REPLIES WOMEN - 457

DID THEY LIVE WITH PARENTS OR GUARDIAN?



HOW MANY WORK WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE?

	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
WORKING	308	55	125	33	433	46
NOT WORKING	237	43	220	58	457	48
NO REPLY	12	2	37	9	49	6
TOTALS	557	100	382	100	939	100

HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DID THEY WORK?

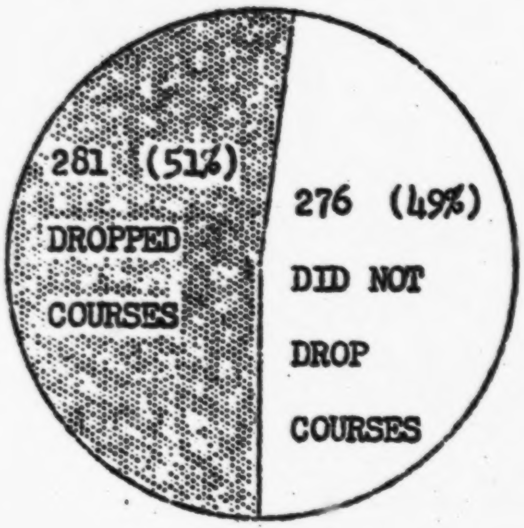
NUMBER OF WORK HOURS PER WEEK	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
UNDER 10	50	16	25	20	75	18
10 - 20	144	47	57	46	201	46
21 - 30	59	19	28	22	87	20
31 - 40	24	8	8	6	32	7
OVER 40	16	5	-	0	16	4
NOT REPORTED	15	5	7	6	22	5
TOTALS	308	100	125	100	433	100

TO WHAT EXTENT WERE THEY SELF-SUPPORTING?

EXTENT	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
75 - 100%	83	15	21	5	104	11
50 - 74%	73	14	25	7	98	11
25 - 49%	119	21	55	14	174	18
0 - 24%	264	47	252	66	516	55
NOT REPORTED	18	3	29	8	47	5
TOTALS	557	100	382	100	939	100

CHANGES IN UNIT LOAD

HOW MANY REDUCED THEIR UNIT LOAD?



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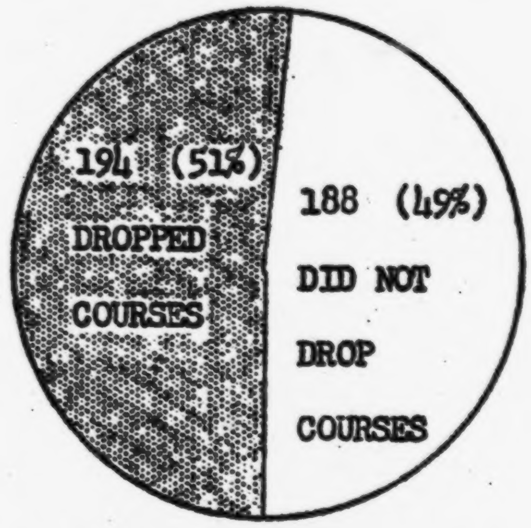

382 WOMEN

HOW MANY UNITS DID THEY DROP?

NUMBER OF UNITS DROPPED	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 OR LESS	177	63	146	75	323	68
4 - 7	87	31	40	21	127	27
8 - 13	10	4	6	3	16	3
NOT REPORTED	7	2	2	1	9	2
TOTALS	281	100	194	100	475	100

WHAT WERE THEIR REASONS FOR DROPPING COURSES?*

REASONS	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
FAILING THE COURSE	49	18	25	13	74	16
COURSE TOO DIFFICULT	33	12	28	16	61	13
TOO HEAVY A LOAD	29	10	20	10	49	10
NO TIME TO STUDY	26	9	17	9	43	9
INSUFFICIENT BACKGROUND	25	9	15	7	40	8
CONFLICTING WORK HOURS	17	6	-	0	17	4
DIDN'T LIKE SUBJECT	14	5	10	5	24	5
TOO MUCH HOMEWORK	11	4	0	0	11	2
DIDN'T NEED FOR MAJOR	10	3	14	7	24	5
HEALTH	-	0	9	5	9	3
OTHER-MISCELLANEOUS	56	20	45	23	101	21
REASON NOT GIVEN	11	4	11	5	22	4
TOTALS	281	100	194	100	475	100

* REASONS LISTED BY 5 OR MORE STUDENTS

HOW MANY UNITS WERE THEY CARRYING AFTER DROPPING COURSES?

UNITS	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
OVER 12	97	34	58	30	155	32
LESS 12	168	60	124	64	292	62
NO REPLY	16	6	12	6	28	6
TOTALS	281	100	194	100	485	100

PART III

STATUS OF STUDENTS AT END OF SEMESTER

This part of the study is devoted to a presentation of statistics showing how many of the 1,476 students with which this study is concerned finished the fall semester and how many re-enrolled for the spring term starting in February, 1961.

A follow-up study will be made of those who were eligible to re-enroll and did not. The results of this study will be included in Report Number II of the MCS, tentatively scheduled for publication late this spring.

HOW MANY COMPLETED THE SEMESTER?

	MEN		WOMEN		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
DID NOT COMPLETE SEMESTER	199	24	157	25	356	24
DISQUALIFIED	35	4	52	8	87	6
COMPLETED SEMESTER	615	72	418	67	1033	70
TOTALS	849	100	627	100	1476	100

HOW MANY CONTINUED IN OAKLAND CITY COLLEGE?

REGISTERED FALL TERM	1476	
DISQUALIFIED	87	(6%)
ELIGIBLE TO RETURN	1389	(94%)
ELIGIBLES WHO DID NOT ENROLL FOR SPRING 1961 TERM	407	(28%)
NUMBER OF STUDENTS RE-ENROLLED	982	(66%)

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Part II: Summary of the Study of the MCS Students Who Were Admitted on Probation for the Fall Semester 1960 Because of SCAT Scores Below the 10th Percentile and Who Succeeded in Clearing Their Probationary Status at the End of the Fall Term.

Part III: Enrollment Statistics at Close of Spring Term 1961.

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PART I

A FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF THE MCS STUDENTS WHO WERE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER, 1961, BUT WHO DID NOT RE-ENROLL.

On page 23 of Report Number I, The Merritt Campus Study, the statement was made that a follow-up study would be undertaken of those students who were eligible to re-enroll for the spring semester, 1961, and did not do so. There were 407 in this category.

Of the 407 students concerned approximately:

60% were males; 40%, females.

33.3% were over 21 years of age.
66.6% were under 21 years of age.

50% were enrolled for a full program of 12 units or more.
50% were enrolled for a partial program of 11 units or less.

30% completed the fall semester 1960-61.
40% withdrew early in the semester (September or October).
29.5% withdrew late in the semester (November through January).
.5% cancelled registration for the semester.

An effort was made to stratify a random sampling using the above categories and percentages. Letters were sent out to each of 175 students asking them to use enclosed stamped post cards to give their reason, in their own words, for not re-enrolling. A structured questionnaire was not used. The students were informed in the letters that signatures on the cards were not necessary unless they to give their names. A code system was used to indicate in which of the above categories a student fell.

The number of letters sent out and the number of replies received in each category are reported in Table I. A total of 86 replies, a 49% return, were tabulated.

TABLE I

NUMBER OF LETTERS SENT AND REPLIES RECEIVED.

	Number of Letters Sent	Number of Replies Received	Number of Replies
Males	105	43	41
Females	70	43	61
Over 21	58	26	44
Under 21	117	60	52
Full Program	87	43	48
Partial Program	88	43	47
Completed Semester	53	18	34
W/D Early	70	41	59
W/D Late	51	27	53
Cancelled Reg.	1	0	0

Table II below is a tabulation of the replies received. It shows what percentage of those in each category who replied to the letter gave the reason, listed in the left hand column, as the reason for their non-reenrollment for the spring term 1961. For example, 33% of those who completed the fall semester and who replies indicated that employment or seeking work was the reason for not re-enrolling for the spring term.

TABLE II

TABULATION OF REPLIES

Reason For Not Re-enrolling	Percentage in Each Category Giving Reason for Not Re-enrolling								
	Men	Women	Over 21	Under 21	Full Program	Partial Program	Completed Semester	W/D Early	W/D Late
Courses Not Offered	0	5	0	3	0	5	0	5	0
Employed Or Seeking Work	40	26	34	32	33	33	33	40	14
Family Responsibilities	0	18	23	3	9	9	6	15	4
Financial Problems	9	0	8	3	5	5	11	5	12
Low Grades	2	9	8	5	7	5	0	2	4
Illness	2	9	8	5	5	7	6	0	19
Insufficient Time For Study	2	2	0	3	2	2	6	0	4
Married	0	9	0	7	7	2	6	7	0
Military Service	26	0	0	18	14	12	11	7	22
Moved	2	5	8	2	5	2	0	5	4
Trsf. Other Colg. Incl. Laney	14	12	4	17	12	14	22	12	7
Personal Reasons	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4
Replied - no reason stated	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	4
Transportation Problems	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	4

SUMMARY

The Merritt Campus Study is primarily concerned with reporting the results of surveys and with registration and enrollment figures and not with conclusions and implications. At this point, however, it is interesting to note that most students fail to continue their education because they obtain or seek employment. The question is why is this so? The answers to this question could be of significance to many phases of our total program.

PART II

SUMMARY OF THE STUDY OF THE MCS STUDENTS WHO WERE ADMITTED ON PROBATION FOR THE FALL SEMESTER, 1960, BECAUSE OF SCAT SCORES BELOW THE 10th PERCENTILE AND WHO SUCCEEDED IN CLEARING THEIR PROBATIONARY STATUS AT THE END OF THE FALL TERM.

The graphs on page 15 of Report Number I, Merritt Campus Study, indicated that 24 students who had been admitted on probation in September 1960 had earned a grade point average for the fall semester sufficiently high to remove their probationary status for the following spring term. Of these 24, 4 were foreign students, 11 were graduates of one of the Oakland high schools, 5 were graduates of other Bay Area high schools, and 4 from high schools in states other than California. 17 were under 21 years of age, 11 were men, 21 were single, 2 reported working outside of college.

In an effort to determine what factors, if any, might be involve when students succeed in removing first semester probationary status, the individual records of the 24 individuals concerned were studied. In the case of the foreign students, it is highly probable that difficulty with English was the reason for the low SCAT scores. Among the remaining students it was found that they were:

1. With the exception of Psychology 50 and Physical Education (when required), enrolled in programs made up of remedial courses and skill subjects.
2. Enrolled in very limited programs. Only 1 student was taking 12 units and 11 were carrying less than 8.5 units.

The records of these students during the spring semester, 1961, would tend to indicate that the factor that contributed to the largest extent to their success was their enrollment in skill and remedial subjects, which were, in some ways, a repetition of former instruction. During the spring semester, when more difficult academic or more advanced skill subjects were included to their programs, 13 of the 24 went on probation. Only 6 of these 13 were taking 12 or more units. The semester grade point average for these 13 students was .96, ranging from .9 to 1.5.

Three of the 24 students withdrew during the spring semester, leaving 8 who continued with clear records. Of this number, 3 were enrolled as full-time students. Those who received better than a 2.0 grade point average did so because of the grades earned in skill subjects--art, shorthand.

PART III

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS AT THE CLOSE OF SPRING SEMESTER 1961.

Number of Students in MCS Registered For Fall Term 1960		1,476	(100%)
Number Re-Enrolling for Spring Semester, 1961 (Including 68 who had withdrawn during fall semester)		982	(66%)
Number students Withdrawing Spring Semester			
Official	144		
Unofficial	18		
Total		162	(16% of number enrolled for spring term)
Number of Students Completing Spring Semester 1961		820	(56%)

These figures show that 44% of the MCS group were no longer enrolled by the end of the first school year.

Probationary Status: Of the 820 students who completed the term:

185 (124 men, 61 women) were disqualified for failure to maintain required gpa. (22%)

176 students (116 men, 60 women) were placed on scholastic probation. (20%)

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ENROLLMENT STATISTICS FOR FALL SEMESTER 1961-62.

Number of Students in MCS For Fall Term 1960		1476 (100%)
Men 849 (58%)		
Women 627 (42%)		
Number Enrolling for Fall Term 1961		581 (39%)
Men 346 (60%)		
Women 235 (40%)		
(40% of the MCS men enrolled for fall term 1961)		
(37% of the MCS women enrolled for fall term 1961.)		
Number Continuing From Spring Term 1961	485 (83%)	
Number Who Completed Fall Term 1960 But Who Did Not Enroll For Spring Term 1961	21 (4%)	
Number Who Withdrew Spring Term 1961	42 (7%)	
Number Who Withdrew Fall Term 1960	27 (5%)	
Number Who Withdrew Both Fall Term 1960 and Spring Term 1961	6 (1%)	
Total	581 (100%)	

These figures indicate that 61% of the students constituting the MCS group were no longer in attendance at the start of the group's second academic year.

These figures also indicate that only a small number of students return who withdrew voluntarity during the previous academic year. There were 500 withdrawals during the academic year 1960-61; of this number 75 returned or 15%.

During the academic year 1960-61, 272 students had been disqualified for failure to maintain scholastic standards. By substracting this number from the total MCS group of 1476, 1204 students could have been considered as eligible to return for the fall term 1961. 581 did enroll or 48%.

Of the 581 students enrolled, 165 or 28% were on probation. Included in the 165 were 9 of the 13 (69%) students who had been admitted on probation, who cleared their probationary status at the end of the fall 1960 semester but who were placed on probation for the fall term 1961-62 because of their academic records for the spring term 1961. In this connection, it is interesting to point out that of the 8 students, admitted on probation for the fall term 1960, who had gone off and remained off probation, 6 (75%) enrolled for the fall term 1961-62. (See Part II, Report Number II, MCS, July 26, 1961.)

PART II

TRANSFERS TO OTHER COLLEGES

In order to ascertain how many of the MCS students transferred to other institutions at the end of their first academic year at Merritt, a record was kept of these students who applied for transcripts and of the colleges to which the records were sent. In September 1961 letters were sent to these colleges asking them to indicate in reply if the students, whose names were listed in the letters, had enrolled for the fall 1961 term. Replies were received from all four year colleges contacted and from all other institutions except two junior colleges in Southern California. A tabulation of the replies shows the following:

4-year Colleges To Which Transferred.	Number of Students.
Chico State College	1
Colorado State College	1
Florida State University	1
George Fox College (Oregon)	1
Oregon State College	1
San Jose State College	1
Tabor College (Kansas)	1
Tuskegee Institute	1
University of California	7
University of Hawaii	1
University of the Pacific	1
University of San Francisco	1
University of Utah	1
Total	20

At the time of registration 977 of the 1476 students in the MCS group indicated that their objective was a transfer program. The 20 students transferring at the end of the first academic year to four year colleges is 2% of this 977 students. Large numbers of transfers at the end of the first year were not anticipated in view of the current admission requirements of California State Colleges and the University of California.

Based upon the replies received from institutions other than four year colleges, the tabulation is as follows:

College To Which Transferred	Number of Students
Armstrong College	1
Chabot College	5
College of San Mateo	1
Diablo Valley College	6
Healds Engineering College	1
Laney Campus - OCC	12
Santa Rosa Junior College	1
Total	27

Students transferring to the Laney Campus enrolled in the following programs

Program	Number of Students
Architectural Drafting	2
Electronic Technology	2
Fashion Arts	2
Dental Assisting	1
Hotel and Restaurant	1
Inside Wiring	1
Medical Assisting	1
Shoe Rebuilding	1
Upholstery	1
Total	12

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PART I

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS AT THE CLOSE OF THE FALL SEMESTER, 1961-62.

Number of MCS Students Registered For Fall Term 1961-62			581 (100%)
Men	346 (60%)		
Women	235 (40%)		
Number Cancelling Registration			17 (3%)
Men	11 (65%)		
Women	6 (35%)		
Number of Students Withdrawing During Term			68 (12%)
Official		62 (91%)	
Men	37 (60%)		
Women	25 (40%)		
Unofficial		6 (9%)	
Men	3 (50%)		
Women	3 (50%)		
Number of Students Completing the Fall Term			496 (85%)

These statistics indicate that, of the 1476 students comprising the MCS group, 33% completed the third regular semester for the group. 35% of the men completed the semester and 32% of the women.

Conversely, the statistics indicate that 67% of the original MCS group were no longer in attendance at the close of the fall semester 1961-62. Of the men, 65% were no longer enrolled; of the women, 68%.

Probationary Status: Of the 496 students who completed the term:

59 students (42 men, 17 women) were disqualified for failure to maintain the required gpa. This is 36% of the 165 students who were enrolled on probation for the term and 12% of those completing the term. At the close of the spring term 1961, 22% of those completing the semester were disqualified.

81 students (50 men, 31 women) were placed on scholastic probation for the spring term because of grade point averages below 1.6 for the fall term. This is 16% of the number completing the term. At the close of the spring term 1961, 20% of those completing the semester were placed on scholastic probation for the following regular term.

7 male students, who were disqualified at the close of the fall term, were permitted to continue on probation during the spring term in view of each student having met the scholastic requirements prescribed for the first midterm period by the Petitions Committee.

PART II

REASONS FOR OFFICIAL WITHDRAWALS, FALL SEMESTER 1961-62.

Reason	Men	Women	Total	%
Working	4	6	10	16.0
Need to work		1	1	1.6
New job	5	3	8	12.9
Change schools	1	1	2	3.2
Changes in working hours etc.	5	2	7	11.3
Financial obligations	1	1	2	3.2
Enter Army	7		7	11.3
Enter Navy	2		2	3.2
Illness	2	4	6	9.7
Family illness		1	1	1.6
Hospitalization	2		2	3.2
Moving out of area	3		3	4.8
College not offering what student wants	1		1	1.6
Academic problems	4	6	10	16.0
Totals	37	25	62	99.6

It is of interest to note that problems in connection with employment continue to be the primary reason for withdrawals.

PART III

TRANSFER TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS, CLOSE OF FALL SEMESTER, 1961-62.

In order to ascertain how many students transferred to other institutions at the close of the fall semester 1961-62, the follow-up procedure explained in Part II, Report Number III, MCS, December 27, 1961, used at the close of the spring term 1961, were again employed. This survey showed the following:

Four Year Colleges To Which Transferred.	Number of Students
University of California-Berkeley	6
Fresno State College	1
University of the Pacific	1
Total	8

As indicated in Report Number III, referred to above, 20 students had transferred to four year institutions at the close of the spring term 1961, making a total of 28 transferees at the end of the fall term 1961-62. At the time of original registration, 977 of the 1476 students comprising the MCS group had indicated a transfer program as their objective. The 28 students transferring to date is about 3% of this number.

One student transferred to the Laney Campus and one to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

PART IV

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER, 1962.

Number of Students in MCS Group, Fall Term 1960-61			1476	(100%)
Men	849	(58%)		
Women	627	(42%)		
Number Enrolling for Spring Term, 1962			496	(34%)
Men	313	(63%)		
Women	187	(37%)		
(37% of the MCS men enrolled for spring term.) (29% of the MCS women enrolled for spring term.)				
Number Continuing From Fall Term 1961-62			384	(78%)
(Of this number 329 (85%) were continuously enrolled except for 1961 summer session since entering in September 1960)				
Number Re-enrolling After Previous Withdrawal			37	(7%)
Number Who Had Completed a Previous Semester But Were Not Enrolled Fall Term, 1961-62			25	(5%)
Number Readmitted on Probation Following Disqualification and a Lapse of at Least One Semester			50	(10%)
Total			496	

Included in these enrollment figures are 10 students who were admitted on probation, fall semester, 1960-61. Thus, of the 159 students so admitted, approximately 6% were able to complete satisfactorily three semester's work.

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PART I

NOTE ON NUMBER OF STUDENTS COMPRISING THE MCS GROUP

Report Number I of the Merritt Campus Study contained the statement that the 1,476 students comprising the group were students without any previous college. A check of the records of the entire group, made during the summer 1962, revealed that, through incorrect classification at the time of registration, 13 students (9 men, 4 women) were included who had completed a sufficient number of college units prior to September 1960, to preclude their being classified as beginning students. This is so small an error that the percentages of withdrawals, failures, etc. previously reported are not significantly affected. In this report, however, and in subsequent ones, the group will be considered as composed of 1,463 students (840 men, 623 women), and percentages will be figured on this number. The names of the 13 students concerned have been deleted from the MCS roster.

Of the 13, 4 were enrolled for the spring term 1962 which explains the difference between the spring enrollment figure of 496 given in Part IV of Report Number IV and that of 492 given in Part II of this report. The remaining 9 had either withdraw, cancelled registration, or been disqualified in a semester prior to spring, 1962. In this connection, a correction in Report Number IV needs to be noted. The enrollment figures for spring 1962 as given on page 4 should read: 310 men, 186 women.

PART II

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS AT THE CLOSE OF THE SPRING SEMESTER, 1962

Number of MCS Students Enrolled For Spring Term, 1962			492 (100%)
Men	307	(62%)	
Women	185	(38%)	
Number Withdrawing and "No Shows"			59 (12%)
Men	39	(66%)	
Women	20	(34%)	
Number Completing Semester			433 (88%)
Men	264	(61%)	
Women	169	(39%)	

These statistics indicate that of the 1,463 students comprising the MCS group, 29% finished the fourth regular semester for the group. 32% of the men completed the semester and 26% of the women.

Conversely, the figures indicate that 71% of the original group were not enrolled by the close of the spring semester, 1962. Of the men, 70% were no longer enrolled; of the women, 73%.

Of the 433 completing the spring term, 291 (173 men, 118 women) had been in continuous attendance since the fall term 1960, with the possible exception of the summer session 1961. This represents 20% of the MCS group (21% men, 19% women) and 67% of those completing the term (65% men, 70% women).

In connection with the number completing the spring term, it is of interest to note that the men persist to a slightly better extent than the women. The original MCS group was composed of 57% men, 43% women, whereas the group remaining at the close of the spring term was made up of 61% men and 39% women.

About 80% of the students who withdrew from college during the spring 1962 semester gave as a reason for this action the need to find employment or some problem in connection with work, such as change in shift. Only one of the 59 withdrawing indicated low grades as the reason. This is in contrast with the fall semester 1961 when 16% of those withdrawing indicated academic problems as the cause.

Probationary Status

81 students (50 men, 31 women) of the MCS group were on academic probation during the spring term. Of this total, 50 (36 men, 14 women) had been readmitted on probation by the Petitions Committee following disqualification at the close of the spring semester, 1961. Of the 81, 56 (43 men, 13 women) were disqualified in June for failure to achieve the required grade point average for the semester. Of the 50 who had been readmitted, 23 (18 men, 5 women) failed to achieve the required standards. Withdrawing during the semester and receiving "W" grades were 4 men and 4 women leaving 19 (14 men, 5 women) who achieved the required grade point average.

Viewed in percentages, these figures indicate that:

69% of those placed on probation for the spring term were disqualified.
(Men-86%; women, 42%)

13% of those completing the spring term were disqualified.
(Men-18%; women, 8%)

46% of those readmitted on probation were disqualified.
(Men-50%, women, 36%)

38% of those readmitted on probation achieved required grade point average.
(Men-39%; women, 36%)

In connection with the statistics concerning the 50 students who were readmitted on probation, it is of interest and perhaps of significance to note that this number represents but 27% of the 185 students who were disqualified at the close of the spring term 1961. Since none of these students had SCAT scores below the 10th percentile, they were eligible under college policy, unless there were unusual circumstances, for readmission following the lapse of one semester. There may be some significance in the fact that so large a number of students did not seek readmission when they first had the opportunity to do so. Registration data for the fall 1962 and subsequent semesters may throw additional light on this question.

Of the MCS group, a total of 45 students (26 men, 19 women) were placed on academic probation for the fall term 1962 because of unsatisfactory scholarship records for the spring term. This is 10% of those completing the term (9% of the men, 11% of the women).

Included among these who completed the spring semester, 1962, were 9 students of the group which had been admitted on probation in September 1960. At the close of the term, one was disqualified and one placed on probation for the fall.

PART III

A REPORT ON THE MCS STUDENTS AWARDED THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE IN JUNE 1962

Junior colleges are commonly regarded as two year institutions with courses of study, both transfer and terminal, which can be completed in four semesters of work. Among these courses of study are those leading to the Associate in Arts degree, which numbers among its requirements the completion of 60 units with a 2.0 grade point average. The end of the spring semester, 1962, marked the close of the fourth semester for the MCS group, and, therefore, it seems appropriate that a report covering this semester include some data on those MCS students who were awarded the A. A. degree in June 1962.

Of the 1,463 students comprising the original group, 21, 12 men and 9 women, received the A. A. degree. This represents about 1.4% of each sex and of the total. Of the men completing the spring term, 4.4% earned the degree; of the women, 5.4%. Of the 21, 3 of the men and 4 of the women attended the 1961 summer session, indicating that about two-thirds of the degree recipients qualified in four regular semesters. It is of interest to note that one of the graduates was admitted on probation in the fall of 1960 because of a SCAT score below the 10th percentile. One man and one woman of the group were graduated with honors.

These figures would appear to indicate that a very small percentage of students complete the A. A. degree requirements in two academic years or are interested in obtaining this degree. Furthermore, 25 students (13 men, 12 women) completed 60 units of work by the close of the spring semester, 1962, but did not receive the A. A. degree. Thus, there is a total of 46 students (25 men, 21 women) who completed 60 units of work in four regular semesters. This figure represents 16% of those who were in attendance for the four consecutive semesters from the fall, 1960, through the spring, 1962. This data in itself would tend to support the conclusion that the average student on the Merritt Campus does not complete a program within two academic years. Further support of this conclusion is found in a review of the records of the MCS group who were in consecutive attendance for the four semesters. This review revealed that 46 units was the average number completed in that length of time. As previously indicated, these statistics would appear to be of special interest in view of the fact that junior colleges are regarded as two year institutions. Additional information in this area should come to light when MCS enrollment figures for the coming semesters are reported.

To return specifically to those who were awarded the A. A. degree, these 21 students could be regarded as the "persistors". What kind of students were they? Using the areas of student characteristics employed in Report Number I, MCS, the following data throws some light on this question. By referring to Report Number I, comparable data for the entire MCS group can be ascertained. In the data in which there appears to be some significant differences between the records of men and women, separate figures are given.

Age: Range from 19 to 31, with 11 (52%) being 19. Average age 20.8 years.

High School Graduation: 95% were high school graduates. 86% graduated in June 1960, their college work, therefore, being a direct continuation of their schooling. 51% graduated from Oakland high schools (Oakland, Oakland Technical and Castlemont), 30% from Alameda County schools, 6% from other California high schools, and 12% from schools outside of California.

SCAT Scores: The average total score was at the 55th percentile; the average verbal score, 44th percentile; average quantitative score, 58th percentile. On total scores, 77% of the women fell below the 50th percentile; 75% of the man, above. None were in the gifted category. 43% of the total earned quantitative scores requiring the taking of Mathematics 50 or equivalent for graduation.

English Qualification: The average score on the English Cooperative Test was the 34th percentile. 58% of the men and 44% of the women were required to begin their work in English with English 52. 17% of the men and 23% of the women qualified for English 1A immediately upon entrance in September 1960.

High School Records: High school transcripts were available for 20 of the group. Of this number, 5% (1 woman) qualified for admission to the University of California. 60% qualified for admission to a state college, and 35% qualified for junior college entrance only.

Objectives and Majors: At the time of registration for the fall 1960 semester, objectives indicated by the group were:

Objective	% Indicating	
	Men	Women
A. A. degree only	8%	33%
4 year college transfer	42%	33%
A. A. degree plus 4 year college transfer	42%	23%
Terminal	8%	11%

Thus, 62% of the group indicated an A. A. degree program as an objective at the time of thier first registration in the college. The three women who indicated A. A. degree only completed terminal business programs. The one woman interested in a terminal (merchandising) program, changed to a U. C. transfer course in liberal arts and the one man (below the 10th percentile on SCAT), after one successful term, changed to A. A. plus college transfer. The one man indicating A. A. degree only was enrolled in the engineering technology program.

At the time of graduation, the grade point average for the group ranged from 3.4 as a high to 2.1 as a low. The average for the entire group was 2.5; for the men, 2.4; for the women, 2.6. Three of the group received scholarships in the fall of 1961 on the basis of their first year's academic record.

Judging from the record of interviews with counselors filed in the students' folders, it appears that about two-thirds of the group made some use of the counseling service for assistance with programs and personal problems. The records show at least five recorded interviews for each of these students. About one-third had initial interviews only or, if there were others, there is no record of them.

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PART IV

FOUR SEMESTER SUMMARY

Semesters	Enrolled (%)	Withdrew (%)		Disqualified (%)		Completing (%)	
	Total MCS Group	Total MCS Group	MCS Enrollment For Semester	Total MCS Group	MCS Enrollment For Semester	Total MCS Group	MCS Enrollment For Semester
Fall 1960	100	24	24	6	6	70	70
Spring 1961	66	11	16	13	22	56	83
Fall 1961	39	5	12	4	10	33	85
Spring 1962	34	4	12	4	13	29	88

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PART I

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 1962-63

Number of Students in MCS For Fall Term 1960-61		1463 (100%)
Men	840 (57%)	
Women	623 (43%)	
Number Enrolling For Fall Term 1962-63 (Number Registering Less Cancellations and "No-Shows")		325 (22%)
Men	212 (65%)	
Women	113 (35%)	

25% of the MCS Men Enrolled for the Fall Term
19% of the MCS Women Enrolled for the Fall Term

Number Enrolling Who Had Not Completed Spring Term 1962	103 (32%)
Number Continuing Beginning Fifth Consecutive Semester	163 (50%)
Number Returning Who Had Interrupted Training Prior to Spring Term 1962	59 (18%)

Worthy of note is the fact that one-half of those enrolling for the fall term were in their fifth consecutive semester of attendance. This is about 11% of the original MCS group. These figures should be considered in connection with the observations reported in Part II, Report Number V, September 4, 1962 concerning the average unit load of the MCS group.

Of the men enrolled for the term, 44 were on academic probation; of the women, 23. This represents 21% of the male enrollees and 20% of the women enrollees. 12 (27%) of the men on probation and 5 (22%) of the women on probation were re-admitted following a previous disqualification and after being out of college for at least one semester.

It is of interest to note that three of the 21 MCS students who received AA degrees in June 1962 completed the fall term. Two others had enrolled and withdrew.

PART II

STATUS OF ALL MCS STUDENTS AT THE START OF THE FALL TERM 1962-63

In Attendance	325 (22%)
Disqualified	297 (20%)
Withdrew During a Semester	369 (25%)
Withdrew At the Close of a Semester	297 (20%)
Had Completed 60 units or more By End of Summer Session 1962	56 (4%)
Transferred to Four Year Colleges	79 (5%)
Transferred to Other Junior Colleges Or Business Colleges	40 (3%)
Total	1,463

No information is available at this time which could be used to determine how many of those withdrawing did so because they felt their schooling in Oakland City College was completed. Perhaps many of those who did not return at the close of a semester fall into this category. It would appear, however, that there is a sufficiently high number of drop-outs to warrant an intensive study in this area. If the drop-out rate is as high as these figures would appear to indicate, there are, as pointed out previously in this series of reports, implications for the entire program of the college. Oakland City College is, of course, not unique in this respect; the high drop-out rate among high school and college students is one which is causing national concern.

PART III

TRANSFERS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR FALL TERM, 1962-63

In order to ascertain how many students transferred to other institutions for the fall semester, 1962-63, the follow-up procedure explained in Part II, Report Number III, MCS, December 27, 1961, were again employed. This survey showed the following:

Four Year Institutions To Which Transferred	Number of Students
University of California-Berkeley	2
Chico State College	2
Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences	1
San Jose State College	6
College of Holy Names	1
Alameda State College	8
California Polytechnic College	1
College of Arts and Crafts	1
University of the Pacific	1
Utah State College	1
University of Idaho	2
University of California-Santa Barbara	1
San Francisco State College	23
Long Beach State College	1
Sacramento State College	2
Art Center-Los Angeles	1
University of Bridgeport-Connecticut	1
Total	55

Other Institutions	Number of Students
Armstrong College	2
Chabot Junior College	1
City College of San Francisco	2
Diablo Valley College	1
El Camino Junior College	1
Monterey Peninsula College	1
Contra Costa College	1
La Sierra College	1
Laney Campus - Oakland City College	4
Total	14

As indicated in Part III, Report Number IV, MCS, April 30, 1962, 28 MCS students had transferred to four year colleges prior to the fall term, 1962. Of these 28, one was subsequently eliminated from the study for reasons explained in Part I, Report Number V, September 4, 1962. Two were attending OCC for the fall term, having returned following attendance at the institutions to which they had previously transferred. One had returned for the spring semester 1962 and had transferred to a different college for the fall term. This makes, then, the total of 79 transfers previously cited in this report.

This number is 5% of the total MCS group and 8% of those indicating a transfer program as their objective at the time of their original registration in September 1960. This relative small number of transfers would tend to support the conclusion that Merritt Campus students do not, on the whole, complete transfer programs within a two year or a four semester period. Additional information in this area should come to light when the number of transfers at the close of the 1962 fall term is ascertained.

PART IV

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS AT THE CLOSE OF THE FALL TERM, 1962-63

Enrolled for Term		325 (100%)
Withdrawals		52 (16%)
Men	28	
Women	24	
Completed Semester		273 (84%)
Men	184	
Women	789	

87% of the men enrolling completed the semester
79% of the women enrolling completed the semester

19% of the original MCS group completed the semester

Of the students on probation, 12 (8 men, 4 women) withdrew during the term. Of the 36 men and 19 women completing the term, 12 men (33 1/3%) and 7 women (37%) were disqualified. Of the 12 men readmitted on probation following academic disqualification, 5 (42%) made the required grade point average to go off probation; of the 5 women, 1 (20%) went off probation. Of the total of 17, 6 (35%) went off probation, 5 (29%) were disqualified, 4 (24%) withdrew, and 2 (12%) were permitted to continue on probation pending clearance of grades of "incomplete".

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PART I

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS FOR THE SPRING TERM 1963

Number of Students in MCS For Fall Term 1960-61 1,463 (100%)

Men	840 (57%)
Women	623 (43%)

Number Enrolling For Spring Term 1963 261 (17%)

Men	181 (69%)
Women	80 (31%)

21% of the MCS Men Enrolled for the Spring Term
12% of the MCS Women Enrolled for the Spring Term

Number Continuing Beginning Sixth Consecutive Semester 98 (37%)

Men	63 (64%)
Women	35 (36%)

35% of MCS Men Enrolling for Spring Term
44% of MCS Women Enrolling for Spring Term

Number Who Completed Fall Term 1962-63 But With Previous Interruptions 75 (29%)

Men	62 (83%)
Women	13 (17%)

34% of MCS Men Enrolling for Spring Term
16% of MCS Women Enrolling for Spring Term

Number Who Had Interrupted Training Prior to Fall Term 1962-63 and Returned For Spring Term 1963 88 (34%)

Men	56 (64%)
Women	32 (36%)

31% of MCS Men Enrolling for Spring Term
40% of MCS Women Enrolling for Spring Term

Worthy of note here is the fact that almost two-thirds of the MCS enrollees in the spring term 1963 were students who had returned following one or more previous interruptions of their schooling. This is in contrast with the enrollment figures for the fall semester 1962-63 when 50% of the MCS enrollment was composed of students in this category. Although, as pointed out in previous reports, the number who returned following an interruption is small in comparison with the total number of withdrawals, it would be, never-the-less, an interesting and informative study to ascertain why these students resumed their collegiate studies. What are the factors within the college program and what are the pressures and influences in the world outside which impel this return?

The decline in the number of continuing students from 50% of the MCS enrollment for the fall semester 1962-63 to 37% of such enrollment for the spring semester 1963 can be accounted for, in part, by the fact that, as time goes by, more and more of the "persistors", as these students have been referred to in this study, complete their City College programs by earning 60 units, achieving transfer requirements, or otherwise attaining their desired goals. Illustrative of this point is the fact that 29 MCS students-14 men, 15 women- completed the requirements for the AA degree at the end of the fall term 1962-63 and did not continue for the spring term 1963.

Of the MCS men enrolled for the term, 46 were on academic probation; of the women, 20. This represents 25% of the men MCS enrollees and 25% of the women. Of the men on probation, 21 (45%) were readmitted upon petition following a previous disqualification; of the women, 7 (33%). Placed on probation because of a grade point average below 1.6 for the fall term 1962-63 were 25 men (55%) and 13 women (67%).

There was a total of 44 withdrawals during the spring 1963 semester—27 men and 17 women. Of the men, three were unofficial drops; of the women, none. Thus, 217 completed the term or 83% of those who enrolled. Of the men, 154 (85%) of these enrollees finished the term; of the women, 61 (79%). That continued schooling would interfere in some way with present or anticipated employment was the reason for withdrawal given by 22 (47%) of the students concerned.

Of those withdrawing, 11 were in their sixth semester, having completed five without interruption. Thus, 87 (58 men, 29 women) of the MCS group completed six consecutive semesters since first enrolling in September 1960.

Of the 46 men on probation, 16 (35%) were disqualified at the close of the term; of the 20 women, six (30%). Eight of those on probation withdrew, leaving 16 (35%) who achieved the required grade point average.

PART II

TRANSFERS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR SPRING TERM, 1963

In order to ascertain how many students transferred to other institutions for the spring term 1963, the follow-up procedures explained in Part II, Report Number III, MCS, December 27, 1961, were again employed. This survey showed the following:

Four Year Institutions To Which Transferred		Number of Students
University of California- Berkeley		1
University of California- Davis		1
Los Angeles State College		1
San Francisco State College		8
Alameda State College		1
California Polytechnic College		1
San Jose State College		1
University of Oregon		1
	Total	15

Other Institutions		Number of Students
Golden Gate College		1
Northrop Institute of Technology		1
Laney Campus- OCC		2
	Total	4

In checking the grade reports received from four-year institutions, it was found that 12 MCS students had transferred and were not included in the statistics on transfers previously given in this series of reports. This number added to the 79 previously cited plus the 15 listed above makes a total of 106 transfers by the close of the fall semester 1962-63. This number is 7% of the total MCS group and 11% of those indicating a transfer program as their objective at the time of their original registration in September 1960.

As indicated on Part III, Report Number VI, MCS, February 1, 1963, 5% of the total MCS group and 8% of those who indicated a transfer program as their objective had actually transferred to a four-year institution within a two year or four semester period. The increase by the end of the fifth semester to 7% and 11% respectively is further evidence of the fact that, in order to get a relatively accurate count of the number of transfers, it is necessary to continue follow-ups for a period well in excess of the traditional four semesters. Additional information in this area should come to light when the number of MCS students transferring for the fall term 1963 is ascertained. It is planned to report these figures in a subsequent MCS report to be issued late in the fall term 1963-64.

PART III

MCS STUDENTS AWARDED ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE, ACADEMIC YEAR 1962-1963

As pointed out in Part III, MCS Report No. V, September 4, 1962, 21 MCS students (12 men, 9 women) were awarded the A.A. degree upon the completion of four regular semesters in June 1962. Further, it was indicated in this report that so small a number of graduates seemed to indicate that few students complete the degree requirements in two academic years and that, in order to get a more complete and accurate picture, it would be necessary to cover on this phase of OCC's program in subsequent reports.

During the academic year 1962-63, MCS students had an opportunity to complete degree requirements at three different times- the end of summer session, the end of the fall term in January 1963, and in June 1963. The total number completing these requirements on these three occasions was 76-- 42 men and 34 women. We thus have by June 1963, or by the end of the sixth semester for the MCS students, a total of 97- 54 men and 43 women- earning the A.A. degree. This total represents approximately 7% of the MCS group of 1463 and approximately 7% of both sexes.

In the previous report, cited above, it was also pointed out that, of the 21 degree recipients, 7 had attended the 1961 summer session. It is evident, therefore, from these statistics that 14 students or 14% of the total number of the MCS group receiving A.A. degrees by June 1963, had met the requirements in the traditional four semesters. Taking four semesters plus one or two summer sessions to meet these requirements was a total of 21 (22%); taking five full semesters (but less than six) was a total of 36 (37%) and taking six semesters (and, in some cases summer sessions) was a total of 26 (27%). It would appear that these data substantiate the conclusion previously drawn that Merritt students desirous of earning the A.A. degree, take well in excess of the traditional four semesters to complete satisfactorily the degree requirements.

The major fields of the 76 students who earned their degrees during the academic year 1962-1963 were as follows:

Semi-Professional Majors	
Data Processing	1
Engineering Technology	4
Professional Nursing	3
Recreation Leadership	1
Typist-Clerk	4
Business Machines	1
Accounting	5
Secretarial-stenographic	5
General Business	4
Total	28

Liberal Arts Majors	
General Curriculum	28
Mathematic-science	12
Social Science	6
The Arts	2
Total	48

Counting the six students who received A.A. degrees in semi-professional fields in June 1961, there was a total of 34 students, or 35% of the MCS A.A. degree recipients, who completed the terminal programs. This, it would appear, is significant and, perhaps, could be construed as a growing student interest in these unique offerings. Also significant, it would seem, is the fact that, of the 63 MCS students who majored in liberal arts, 59% chose the general curriculum program as a major--a choice which, perhaps, demonstrates the appeal of the college's general education program as well as its utility and value to students in fulfilling the lower-division requirements of transfer programs.

In addition to those earning the A.A. degree, 55 students (41 men, 14 women) completed 60 or more units during the academic year. Since 56 students had previously completed this number of units, the total number so doing was 111 or 8% of the original MCS group.

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PART I

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS FOR THE FALL TERM 1963-64

When Report No. VII of the MCS was issued on June 21, 1963, it was anticipated that the report, covering as it did the sixth semester for the MCS students, would be the final report in which enrollment statistics would be included. It seemed to be logical to expect that, after a possible three years of attendance in Oakland City College, those students, seriously interested in completing junior college program would have done so, and that, while there would be some MCS enrollments in the future, continuing ad infinitum, such enrollments would be few in number.

Because of the fact that MCS enrollments for the fall term 1964-65 were in excess of what was anticipated and because over four-fifths of this enrollment was made up of students who returned following interruptions in their education in Oakland City College, it appears to be of interest and perhaps of significance to include in this report the following enrollment figures for the fall term 1963-64.

Number of Students in MCS Group
Fall Term, 1960-1961 1,463 (100%)

Men	840	(57%)
Women	623	(43%)

Number Enrolling for
Fall Term 1963-1964 173 (11%)

Men	116	(67%)
Women	57	(33%)

14% of MCS men enrolled for fall term
9% of MCS women enrolled for fall term

Number Continuing Enrolling
for Seventh Consecutive Semester 25 (14%)

Men	19	(76%)
Women	6	(24%)

16% of MCS men enrolling for fall term
11% of MCS women enrolling for fall term

Number Enrolling Who Had Previously
Interrupted Their Education 148 (86%)

Men	97	(66%)
Women	51	(34%)

84% of the MCS men enrolling for the fall term
89% of the MCS women enrolling for the fall term

As for the 25 students who returned for the seventh consecutive semester, a review of their records appears to reveal the reasons why most of them were still enrolled. Of the group, 10 had completed less than 60 units of work; of the 15 who had completed 60 or more units, 5 did not have a 2.0 average. Of the 10 remaining students, 9 were taking limited programs varying from 3 to 10 units. Only one of the ten was enrolled in full 14 units program.

PART II

TRANSFERS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS, FALL TERM 1963-64

As pointed out in Part II, Report Number VII, Merritt Campus Study, June 21, 1963, it was found that, in order to ascertain a relative accurate count of the number of students transferring to four-year colleges, it would be necessary to continue follow-ups for a period of time well in excess of the traditional four semesters. Accordingly, for this reason, the procedures explained in Part II, Report Number III, Merritt Campus Study, December 27, 1961, were again employed to ascertain the number of students transferring at the end of the sixth semester of possible attendance. The survey showed the following:

Four Year Institutions To Which Transferred	Number of Students
California State College at Hayward	8
San Francisco State College	16
San Jose State College	4
University of California-Berkeley	6
University of Nevada	1
University of Oregon	1
University of the Pacific	1
Total	37

Other Institutions	Number of Students
Armstrong College	3
The Art Center School, Los Angeles	1
Chabot Junior College	6
Cogswell Polytechnic College	1
Contra Costa College	1
Diablo Valley College	1
Fullerton Junion College	1
Golden Gate College, San Francisco	1
Healds Business College	2
Modesto Junior College	1
Laney Campus - Oakland City College	2
San Jose City College	1
Total	21

Up to the close of the spring semester, 1963, 106 students of the Merritt Campus Study group had transferred to four year institutions. Adding to this amount the 37 transferring for the fall term 1963-64, there is a total of 133 transfers. This amount is approximately 10% of the total Merritt Campus Study group and 14% of those indicating a transfer program as the objective at the time of original registration in September 1960.